

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, I hadn't intended to speak anymore on the issue but Senator Wehrbein created some memories in my mind when he said, well, you know, it's 1,200,000 and we don't have to spend all of that. It seems as though, based upon my experience though, that when you're talking about government, whatever amount of money there is available to be spent gets spent. Looking back a number of years ago when there was a new lodging facility built in Lincoln, Nebraska and their price for government rate was something like \$55, or in that neighborhood, a representative of that organization circulated in the State Office Building wondering why there were no board members or state employees or whatever that were staying there and they were informed that, well, they could stay at X place for \$19 and at Y place for \$25, and that sort of thing, and so the response of the marketing person, well, what if we lowered it to \$33. The whole thing, the whole point of that little story is that there tends to be something available for whatever reasonable price that we...we appropriate for anything and all of the money that we appropriate seems to go. I would like to share the rest of my time with Senator Maurstad.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Just a couple of brief comments. As a Nebraska senator, I think this is an important issue for us to deal with and we need to look at it in that fashion. Obviously, I agree with Senator Bernard-Stevens in that we need to build a juvenile facility and that needs...needs to occur as expediently as possible. Omaha has had...had a chance. You might call it a first right of refusal. They've tried to...tried to site this, so far unsuccessfully. It appears that maybe what we need to do is interject a little competition into the process and we might be able to do that if we support this motion to return to Select File and reduce the amount either to \$600,000 or a lesser amount, maybe down to nothing, and then go along with some of the thoughts of correction in that we need to expand our horizons as far as where we're looking to site this outside of the...of the Omaha area. So, with that, I would support the motion to return this bill to Select File and urge the members to do so also. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Mr. Clerk.